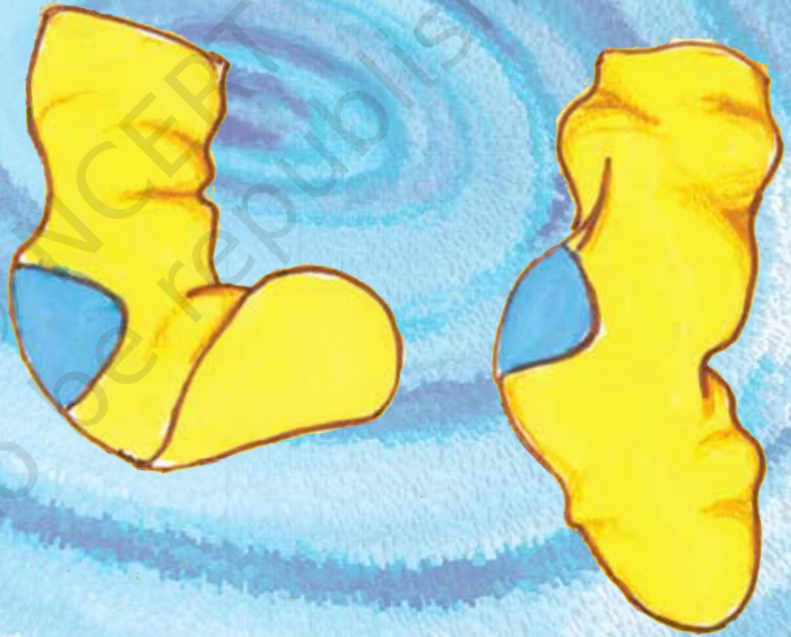




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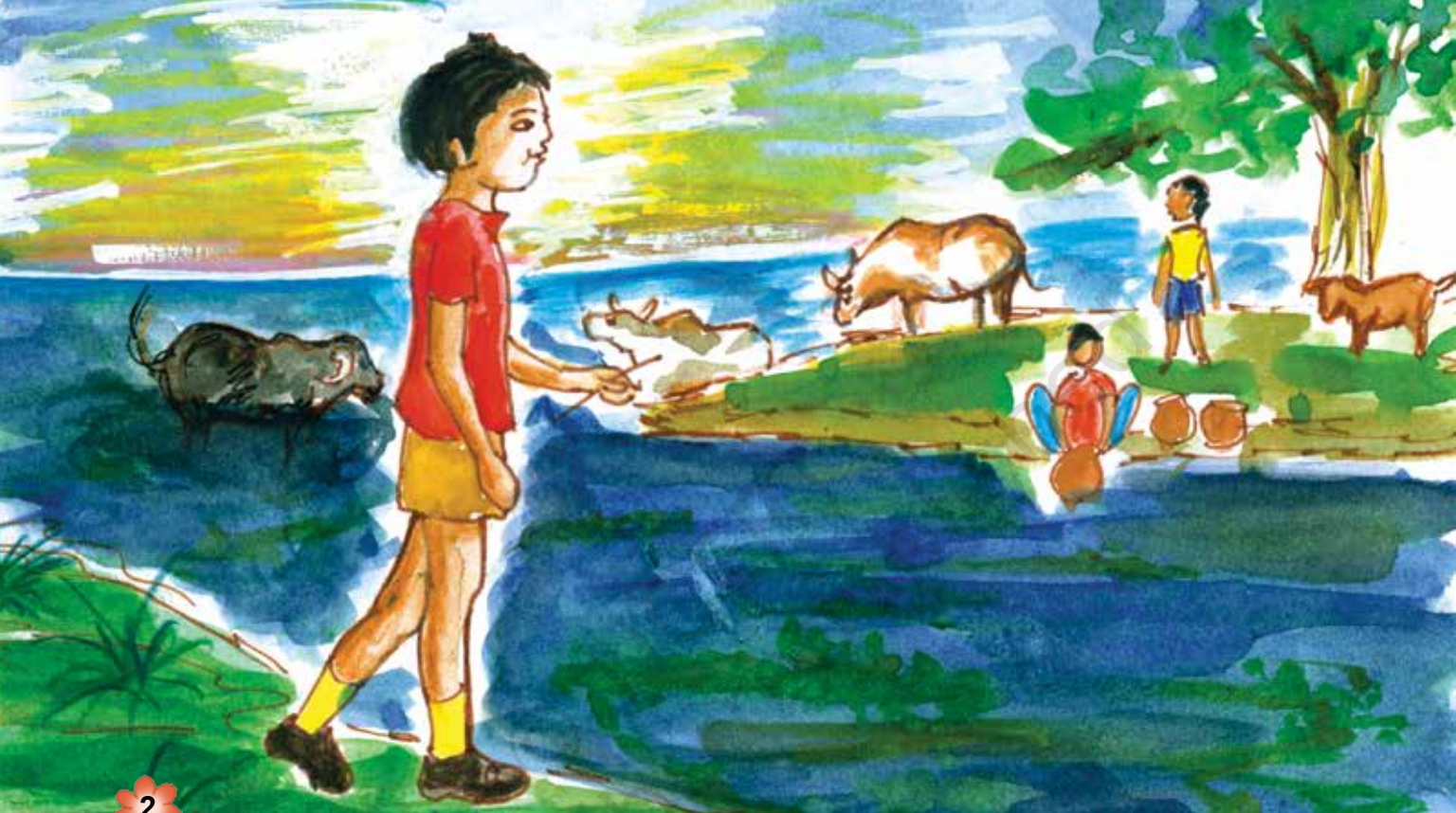
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**Madhav**





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One morning, Madhav stopped at the pond.  
He likes the cool water of the pond a lot.  
He loves to dive in the pond.



**Madhav took off his shoes and socks and kept them aside. He took off his clothes and kept them aside too. He put his feet in the water and sat next to the pond.**





**He kept throwing pebbles in the pond for a long time. He enjoys watching the circles made by the ripples they made in the pond. He comes often to the pond.**



**Madhav spotted fish in the pond.  
He stopped throwing pebbles in the water.  
Madhav intently started looking at the fish.**





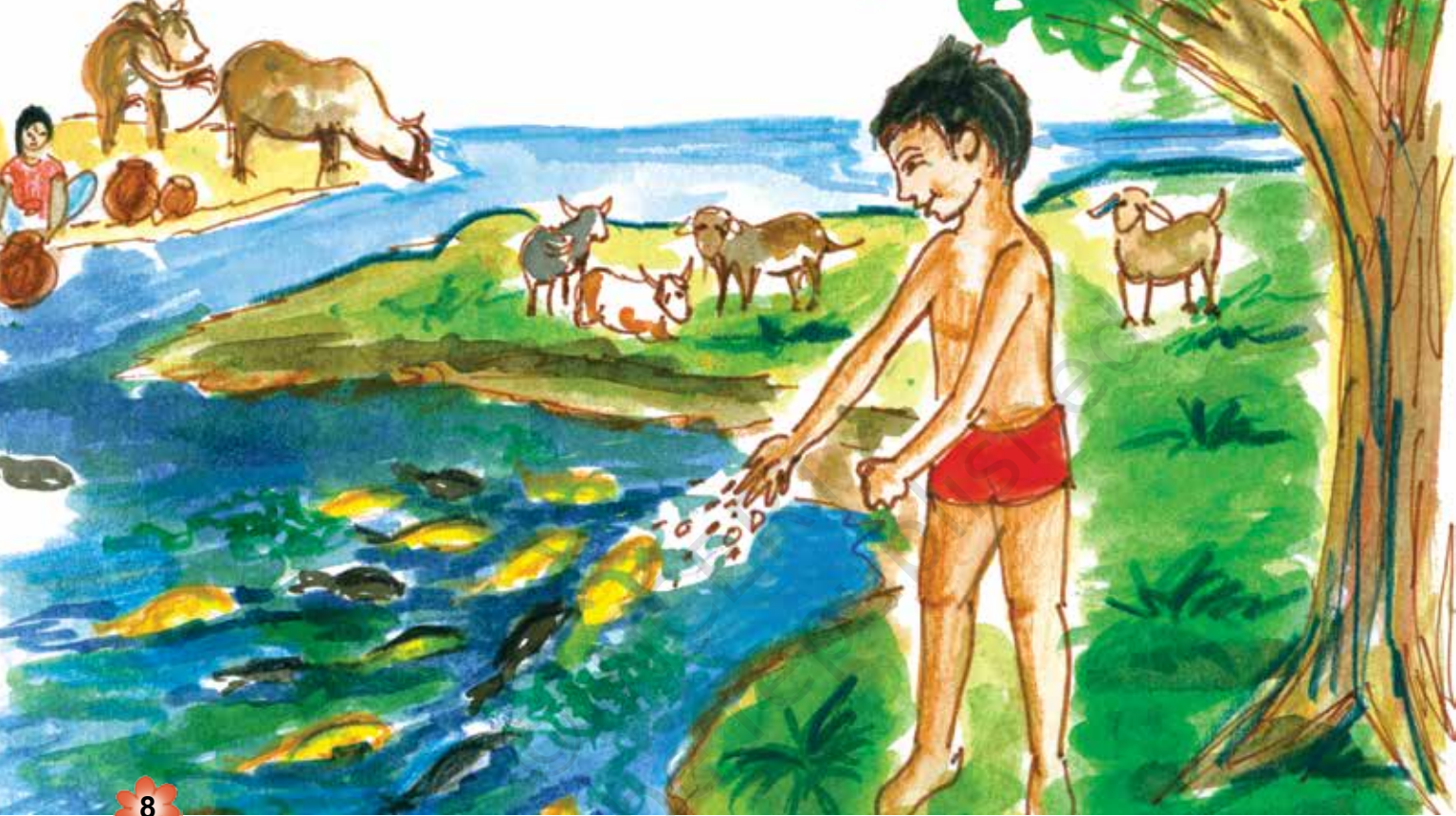
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**Madhav saw a black fish.  
Madhav saw a golden fish.  
He also saw a shining fish.**





**Madhav bent to look at the fish closely.  
There were a lot of fish in the pond.  
Some fish were tiny, some big.**



Madhav wanted to call the fish closer.  
He threw crumbs of *roti* in the pond.  
Several fish came close to eat the *roti*.





**Madhav tried to catch the fish.  
All the fish swiftly swam away.  
Not even one fish was caught.**



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**Madhav dived into the pond to catch fish.  
He stretched his arms and tried to catch the fish.  
But the fish swam away too far.**





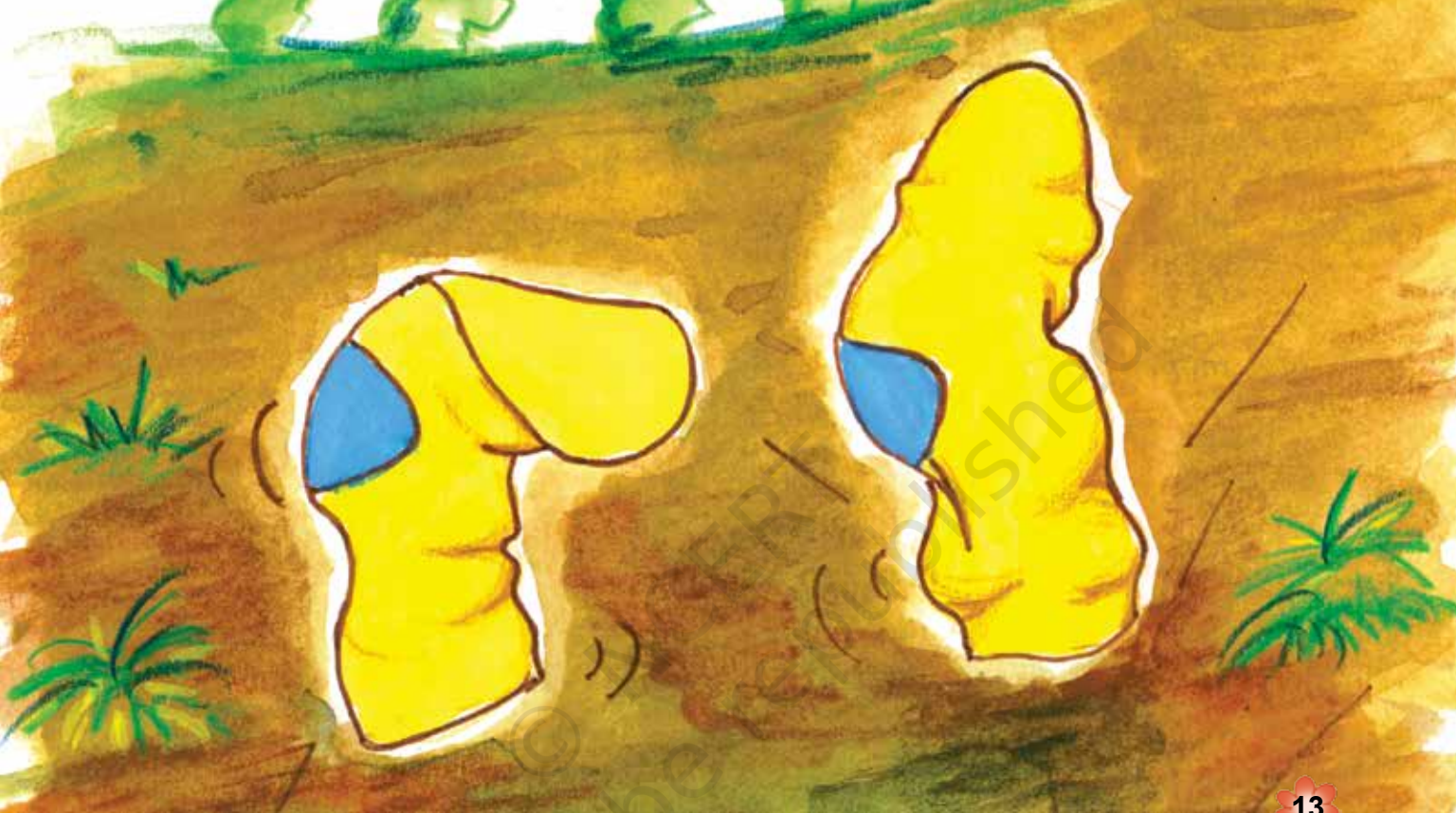
**Madhav thought of an idea.  
He thought that he could catch the fish in his socks.  
He went to the edge of the pond to pick his socks.**



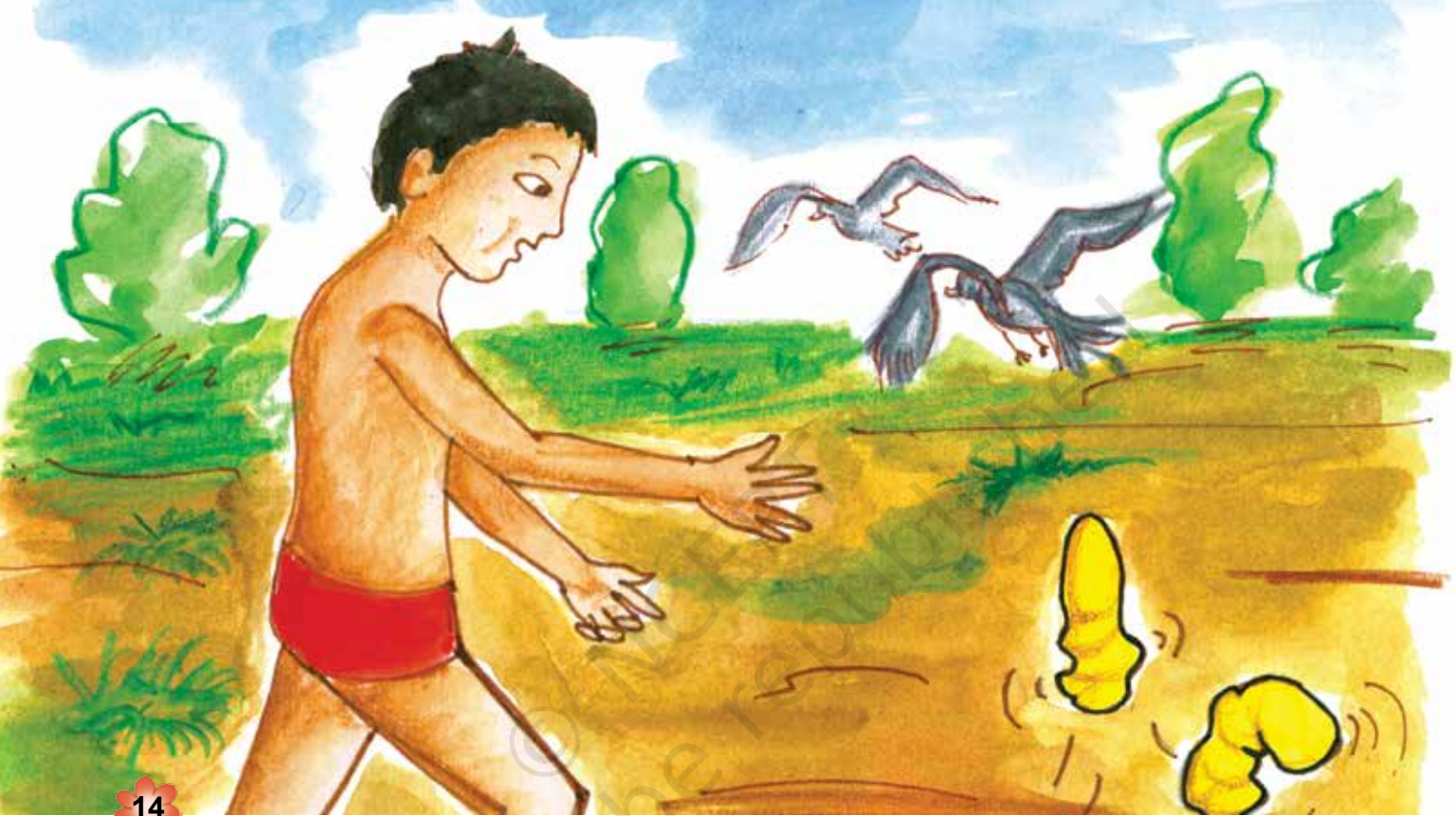
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**Madhav's socks were not there.  
He shook his clothes to find them.  
He looked in his shoes too.**





But his socks were not there.  
He looked around.  
Madhav's socks were hopping away in the field.



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**Madhav came out of the pond.  
He ran after his hopping socks.  
Socks kept hopping ahead of him.**





**Madhav ran after his socks.  
But he could not catch them.  
The socks kept hopping.**

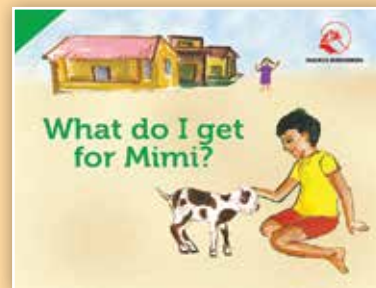
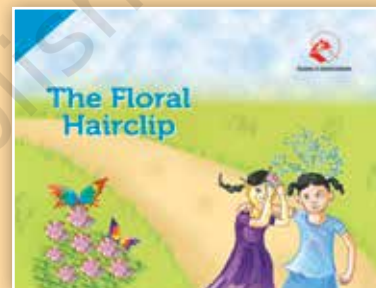
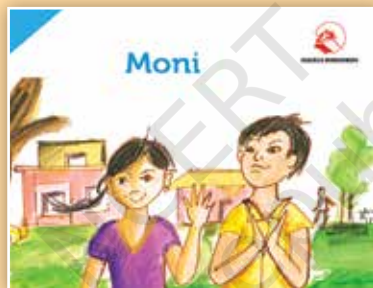
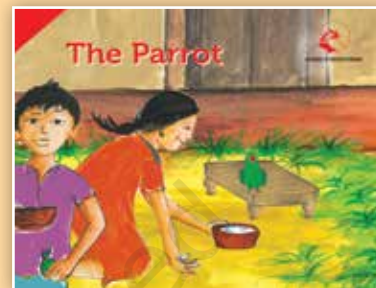


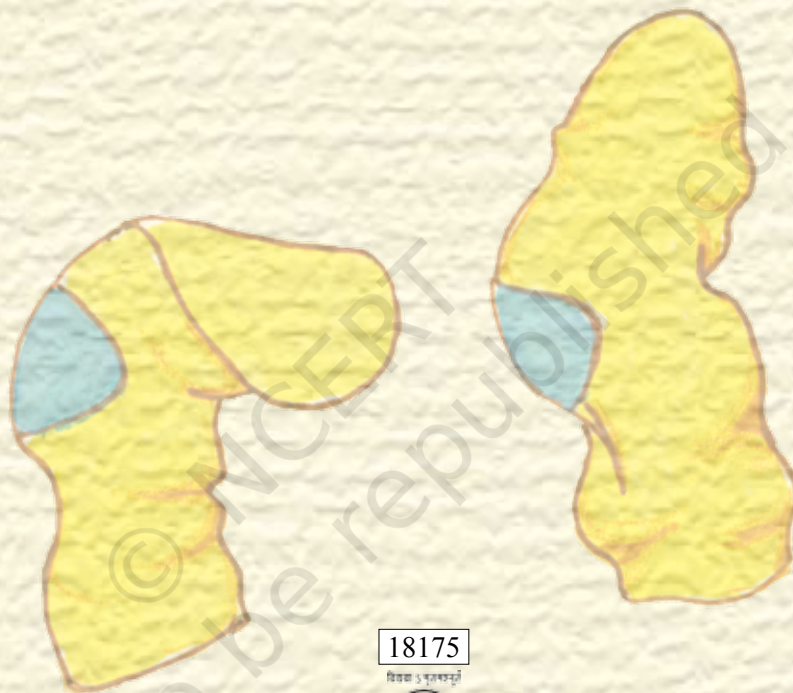
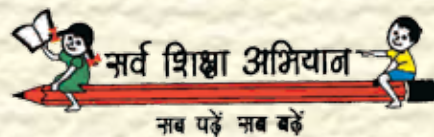
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**The socks got caught in a bush.  
Something jumped out of them.  
Madhav saw them and burst out laughing.**



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